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FRANK LESLIE TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF AMERICA

Copied from Frank Leslie's Boys & Girls Weekly 377, from the W. J. Benners Collection: I have the pleasure to inform you that, seeing how much you all admire Jack Harkaway and his adventurous career, I have, at a very great outlay, induced the author of that capitol story to take up his residence in America, and write exclusively for Frank Leslie's Boys and Girls Weekly. In future, therefore, all the interesting stories of this celebrated writer will appear only in my publications. You will read with delight, I am sure, the following from the pen of this favorite author: To the Boys and Girls of America—My Young Friends:

For some time past I have been fortunate enough to write stories which have met with your approval. In his usual spirited manner, Mr. Frank Leslie has made arrangements with me to continue, "Jack Harkaway," "The Scapegrace of the School, Etc., and I shall now have the pleasure of introducing your favorites to your notice in America. I confidently hope you will like them as well on the free soil of the United States as you have done in the Old Country. I shall render their adventures in the Great Republic thrilling, interesting and laughable. Jack Harkaway under the Stars and Stripes will be the same honest, straight forward, rollicking hero that you have seen at school, at Sea, at the University of Oxford, and Among the Desperate Brigands of Italy; but I guess that in America he will fairly surpass all that he has done

before, and you will say that "Jack Harkaway" in America is the boy for your money; and that no one can beat him for frolic and adventure. At the same time, the story which commences in No. 379 of Frank Leslie's Boys and Girls Weekly will paint a moral for all readers to follow, as it is at all times my purpose to instruct as well as amuse those of my young friends who give me their support; and I ask you all to look out for the grand new story of "Jack Harkaway in America," which will positively appear only in Frank Leslie's Boys and Girls Weekly.

Your Sincere Friend,
Bracebridge Hemming,
Jack Harkaway.

New York, Dec. 2nd, 1893.

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Bracebridge Hemming.

(Sworn to before me this 25th day of March, 1874. Charles M. Stafford, Notary Public, New York City and County.)

(I wonder who is right, Mr. Frank Leslie or Mr. Edwin J. Brett? A few months ago, there was an article in

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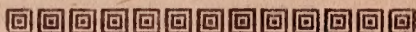
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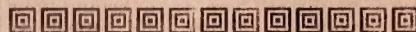
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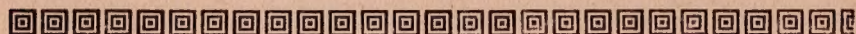
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